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with the conclusion of Mr. L. Jobert when he says that left-handedness is due to habit and education.

"I think it wiser, relying on the preceding facts and documents, to conclude that we are *right-handed by atavism and left-handed by morbid heredity*."

*Histoire des accouchements chez tous les peuples. Par G. J. Witkowski, docteur en médecine de la Faculté de Paris, officier d'Académie * * * Paris [1887], pp. xii, 714.*

The title of this work by no means indicates its full scope, which covers a very extensive field, including not only the physiology, pathology, and medical practices of accouchment, but its history, the myths, legends, superstitions, religious practices, manners, customs, and popular errors pertaining to it, and the legislation concerning it. It touches on many points less directly connected with the subject, such as circumcision, amulets worn by children, cradles, modes of carrying the child, signboards of midwives, etc.

The author acknowledges his indebtedness to Dr. Geo. J. Engelmann, from whose valuable work, entitled "Labor Among Primitive Peoples" (St. Louis, Mo., 1882), he quotes largely and copies many illustrations.

Dr. Witkowski is the author of a work on "Human Generation" (La Génération Humaine), published in Paris, in 1881. The present work, which appears as a large octavo, handsomely printed and profusely illustrated, is of great interest not only to the physician and the biologist, but to the anthropologist, the ethnologist, the comparative mythologist, and the mere curious reader who has no scientific research in view.

An appendix containing over a thousand illustrations of various implements and appliances of the accoucheur's art appears in a separate fascicle.

Das Weib in der Natur- und Völkerkunde. Anthropologische Studien. Leipzig (T. H. Grieben's Verlag), 1887.

The vast amount of anthropologic material relating to woman collected by the late Dr. H. Ploss has been arranged and edited by Dr. Max Bartels and just issued in ten octavo parts, containing 107